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1. HERewith FULL TEXT JACK ANDERSON COLUMN MONDAY NOVEMBER 25 WASHINGTON POST HEADED "STATE DEPT. CODDLES KEY CONGRESSMEN."

2. AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT THE ONLY CELEBRITIES WHO GET MORE RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES THAN A VISITING PASHA OR RANKING COMMISSAR ARE SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN INTENT ON GLOBETROTTING AT PUBLIC EXPENSE.

3. A CALL FROM CAPITOL HILL ELECTRIFIES STATE'S \$585,000-A-YEAR STAFF OF 25 CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON EXPERTS, ALL TRAINED TO PACIFY AND PAMPER THE LEGISLATORS WHO CONTROL THE DEPARTMENT'S HUGE ANNUAL BUDGET.

4. THE CABLE AND MEMO FILES AT FOGGY BOTTOM OVERFLOW WITH TALE AFTER TALE OF THE DILIGENCE WITH WHICH THE STATE
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DEPARTMENT CODDLES CONGRESSMEN. NOW AFTER A TWO-MONTH

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BATTLE, MY ASSOCIATE BOB OWENS HAS GAINED ACCESS TO SOME OF THE FILES' FINEST TIDBITS.

5. ABOUT A YEAR AGO, FOR EXAMPLE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT INDISCREETLY ALERTED TOO MANY AGENCIES ABOUT A CONGRESSIONAL JUNKET TO EUROPE FOR A NATO PARLIAMENTARIANS'

MEETING. THIS INFURIATED REP. WAYNE HAYS (D-OHIO) WHOSE SUBCOMMITTEE WRITES THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET.

6. HAYS, WHO IS CALLED "THE TERRIBLE-TEMPERED MR. BANG" BY BATTLE-SCARRED DIPLOMATS, FURIOUSLY THREATENED TO "BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE," ACCORDING TO ONE INTERNAL MEMO. MOREOVER, HE FUMED, HE WAS GOING TO WREAK HIS REVENGE BY TAKING A BITE OUT OF STATE'S BUDGET.

7. IN A MEMO "FOR THE RECORD," ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE MARSHALL WRIGHT WROTE, "AT 2 P.M....WAYNE HAYS CALLED ME. HE WAS FURIOUS...."

8. STATE HAD UNDIPLOMATICALLY SENT OUT 114 COPIES OF A CABLE CONCERNING THE NATO JUNKET. "NOT MORE THAN TWO WOULD HAVE BEEN NEEDED," HAYS ROARED.

9. BESIDE HIMSELF, HAYS TOLD WRIGHT THAT HE "WAS NOT GOING TO PUT UP WITH THIS (EXPLETIVE DELETED) ANY LONGER." AS RETRIBUTION, HAYS INTONED, HE WAS GOING TO "REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE (TO STATE) FOR PAPER BY ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS."

10. THAT, DECLARED HAYS, "WOULD KEEP (STATE) FROM SENDING COPIES OF CABLES ALL OVER THE DAMN TOWN." AS IT TURNED OUT, HAYS DID NOT MAKE GOOD ON HIS THREAT.

11. INDEED, HAYS TOLD US THAT HIS CALL "DID THE TRICK" AND FORCED STATE TO END SOME OF THE PAPER PROLIFERATION. THE MERCURIAL HAYS ADDED AMIABLY THAT HE "DIDN'T HOLD (THE INCIDENT) AGAINST THEM."

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12. ANOTHER THICK FILE OF CABLES SHOWS HOW POWERFUL REP. LEONOR SULLIVAN (D-MO.) REQUESTED AND GOT A SPECIAL TRANSFORMER IN HER LUXURIOUS SWISS HOTEL LODGINGS SO SHE COULD PLUG IN HER HAIR DRIER.

13. APPARENTLY STATE FEARED MRS. SULLIVAN'S HAIR DRIER MIGHT SHORT-CIRCUIT AND CAUSE AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT. THEY SENT SIX COPIES OF THEIR CABLES ON THE SUBJECT TO

THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL.

14. "REP. SULLIVAN REQUESTS TRANSFORMER BE PLACED IN HOTEL ROOM LARGE ENOUGH TO BE USED FOR HAIR DRIER," THE STATE DEPARTMENT CABLED ITS MISSION IN GENEVA. "TRANSFORMER WILL BE PLACED IN REP. SULLIVAN'S HOTEL DU RHONE

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ROOM AS REQUESTED," THE DIPLOMATS WIRED BACK.

15. ALTHOUGH ENVOYS' HOURS MIGHT BETTER BE SPENT GATHERING INTELLIGENCE ON HIJACKERS OR FOREIGN ECONOMICS, THEY ARE OFTEN FORCED TO PERFORM SUCH FLUNKY CHORES AS THESE:

16. SEN. JAMES EASTLAND (D-MISS.), A LOUISIANA PARISH COMMISSIONER, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE DAN RUSSELL AND SOME BUSINESS CRONIES USED THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO HELP THEM WITH A PRIVATE TRIP TO THE BALKANS. STATE WAS OBLIGED, AMONG OTHER SERVICES, TO HELP LOCATE A LARGE YACHT ON THE SUNNY ADRIATIC. THE TRIP WAS BILLED AS "PLEASURE COMBINED WITH GROUP'S INTEREST IN FARMING AND AGRICULTURE."

17. ONE RUSH CABLE FROM THE U.S. CONSULATE IN HONG KONG TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID, "PLEASE INFORM MRS. MONTOYA (WIFE OF SEN. JOSEPH MONTOYA (D-N.M.)) THAT CARPET HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND IS BEING FORWARDED VIA NORTHWEST FLIGHT 4."

18. WHEN SEN. AND MRS. HUGH SCOTT (R-PA.) VISITED LONDON, THE U.S. EMBASSY CABLED THEM "A RECOMMENDED

THEATER LIST" WITH SUCH FARE AS "'PRIVATE LIVES,' COMEDY STARRING MAGGIE SMITH; 'CROWN MATRIMONIAL,' DRAMA ABOUT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE ABDICATION OF EDWARD VIII; 'APPLAUSE,' MUSICAL WITH LAUREN BACALL..." ORDINARY VISITORS WOULD STAND IN LINE FOR SUCH HITS. THE SCOTTS WERE TOLD BY STATE TO SELECT "ASAP (AS SOON AS POSSIBLE)...SO SEATS MAY BE BOOKED WHILE AVAILABLE." (END TEXT) INGERSOLL

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